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Sen. Hardiman ready to work after hearing governor's State of the State address

LANSING – Sen. Bill Hardiman, R-Kentwood, said today is ready to get to work after hearing Granholm talk about job creation, life-long learning opportunities and the protection of Michigan's children in her State of the State address.

"Like the governor, I want to move Michigan forward and see state residents succeed in a 21st century economy," Hardiman said. "The governor rightfully has made job creation the focus of her speech, and I will take a look at all of her proposals."

Gov. Jennifer Granholm laid out some of her ideas about how to change the economic climate in Michigan and reduce the state's unemployment rate, one of the nation's highest.

Still, Hardiman expressed reservations about the governor's plan to borrow \$2 billion that could crease high-tech jobs.

"State government must live within its means, borrowing \$2 billion is not the answer," Hardiman said. "If we are serious about turning our sagging economy around we must first find ways to reduce taxes and regulatory burdens on our businesses. Much like a family budget, state government needs to prioritize and determine the services that matter."

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